

### Midwest Pondweed Submersed Wetland (HPW)

The Midwest Pondweed Submersed Wetland (HPW) map class represents the Midwest Pondweed Submersed Wetland plant community (CEGL002282). This is a broadly defined community that has several subgroups (see global plant community description). At EFMO, however, the dominant species includes coontail, water stargrass, and curly-leaved pondweed. These submersed aquatic species often form dense stands in shallow backwaters of the Mississippi River and in Founders Pond. Because of early senescence of submergent plants, we used the August-dated photography to confirm our interpretation of this vegetation on the October-dated photography.

